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This is a telephonic ever	nt. I apologize for the short notice, but It was requested late yesterday.	
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Media Contact Summary Martin Army Community Hospital

Date: 5 Sept. 2018, 1210 hours

Subject: David Hasemyer: InsideClimate News.

Interest: Martin Army Community Hospital heat injury studies

Summary: Members of the B	MACH Emergency Departmen	t conducted an interview with David
Hasemyer of InsideClimate N	ews, concerning their in-depth	n research of how to mitigate heat related
injuries. The interview began	at 12:10 p.m., 5 Sept. 2018, a	nd will be conducted telephonically. BMACH
PAO specialist, (b)(6)	sat in on the interview	
Specifics: Dr. (Maj.)(b)(6)		, both of whom have conducted
extensive research about the	effects of heat related injuries	s and the innovative techniques of mitigating
the severe effects of these inj	iuries were interviewed by Mr	. Hasemyer.
The interview began with bot	h doctors introducing themse	lves and explaining their backgrounds and
		juries. Both doctors explained that they
		y said after seeing a very significant number
of covere heat related injuries	they were motivated to rese	earch ways of mitigating these injuries.

Mr. Hasemyer asked several questions that were somewhat out of the doctors' expertise, such as how much the Army pays to train each Soldier/Ranger at Fort Benning? And, how specifically do heat injuries effect the readiness of each unit within the Army? He also asked about the weight of ruck sacks when carried in unit marches, the speed of the marches and other unit-specific questions. I told him that the doctors were not privy to that information and the units would be the best source for those answers.

Dr.(b)(6) pointed out that units and cadre on Fort Benning are trained to provide immediate care to Soldiers when it is believed that they're suffering heat related injuries.

Overall, Mr. Hasemyer did not ask any questions that would place the U.S. Army in a negative light. His focus was on Fort Benning's extensive research with USARIEM and their innovative techniques of mitigating heat related injuries.

No negative media issues to report at this time.

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5 Sept. 1018, 0950 hours

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I appreciate your response. Thankyou, though I am disappointed.
The decision is especially perplexing because of the major's enthusiastic dedication to addressing the issue of heat illnessand putting Fort Benning and the Army on the forefront of finding sustainablesolutions. The Army apparently hasrecognized Maj (b)(6) work; featuring it in two lengthy Army news servicearticles.
I hope you can appreciate thatadding a video component to the printed version of the interview I conducted withthe major will truly put a face to the work being done. The voice of Maj. $(b)(6)$ will add a powerful punctuation point to the efforts being made by Fort Benning to mitigate heat illnesses in the military.
It's my desire that we can continuediscussing the possibility of an on-camera interview with Maj. [b)(6) Along those lines, it would help me if youcould articulate your hesitancy to allowing the interview. We have expressed ourwillingnes to work with whatever logistical considerations you require. So if I could better understand yourreluctance, it would allow me to address any concerns you have.
As far as providing a draft copy of the story to (b)(6) , I'm sure it won't come as a surprise that Inside Climate News does not allow for pre-publication review. That position is not unique to ICN as it is a principal tenet followed by all major media.
I look forward to continuing ourdiscussion.
Sincerely,

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Dr (bye)
Dr. (b)(6)
No. Neither the base PAO or the hospital PAO has been in contact. I am disappointed in the decision because what's
happening at your Heat Center goes along way to explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness
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I'm not sure if our PAO office has reached out to you directly, but both BMACH and MCoE leadership have
decided not to authorize the site visit at this time. Dr. (b)(6) and I are disappointed. We appreciate your interest in our

initiative and perhaps we can arrange something in the spring when we're gearing up for the next heat season. Apologies for being the bearer of bad news, but I wanted to ensure you weren't wasting time and resources on planning. Thank you again for your interest!

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Dr	(b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like tomake a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of thehospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk withsome soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even asoldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heatillness.

I'malso hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operationswhere heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the baseweather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'dalso like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

Andjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important toget as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a youngofficer" referenced in your white paperas the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thankyou again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain inreal, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as tomilitary preparedness.

I'llbe away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

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Theinterview is for a story I'm preparing along with video journalistAnna BellePeevey < Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey < Caution-Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey > < Caution-Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey < Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey > > on how the military is addressing the issue of heat-related illnesses.

Ifirst became aware of Maj. (doctor)(b)(6) through this Army news story: FortBenning team determined to end heat-related deaths across DoD. < Caution-Caution-Caution-https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod < Caution-https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod > < Caution-Caution-https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod < Caution-https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod > >

Andagain through a later, related Army News story: Army researcherspartner with Fort Benning to study heat illness in 2,000 Soldiers. < Caution-Caution-Caution-https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_s oldiers < Caution-

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Thehospital PIO, $(b)(6)$, has been non-responsive to my multiple requestsover a period of months. It was only after I made direct contact with Maj. $(b)(6)$ that she facilitated a later telephone interview. The major later said our request for anon-camera interview had been turned down. I never heard from $(b)(6)$ on this matter. (I would be happy to discuss with you in aphone call the long history of failed attempts to work through $(b)(6)$
Thework being done at the heat center plays a critical role in our story in termsof explaining what the Army is doing to address heat illness and to establish acomprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.
Whilethe telephone interview with Maj. (b)(6) provided important insight that I'll beincluding in my article, we simply want to convey in the most diverse and powerful way — through video and the written word - the work that is takingplace at Martin Army Community Hospital in regards to preventingheat-illnesses. An on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) would help highlightBMACH's critical mission.
We have scaled back our initialrequest to simply an interview with Dr. (b)(6) and her co-worker Maj. (b)(6) ifhe's available; and are ready to work through any logistical matters. The interview will conducted by Anna Belle and will only needtwo hours and no more than three.
While Dr. (b)(6) has suggestedmaking the request again next year, our story and video will be published thisyear. We are frankly on a deadline at this pointandneed to complete the interview within the next three weeks.
Pleaselet me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate an interview withMaj.(b)(6)
My number is (b)(6)

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1. Purpose: Review of Concept

2. Facts:

- a. Heat stroke, Exercise Associated Hyponatremia, and other Heat Related Illnesses (HRIs) are potentially tragic and largely preventable causes of death and disability at Ft. Benning and other hot climate training areas. This spectrum of illnesses has significant negative impact on training and poses substantial risk to the medical readiness of trainees and Soldiers.
- b. Best practices for prevention and management of these disease processes have been developed in many iterations over the years at Ft. Benning, but they have yet to achieve sustainability. Regular staffing and Command changeovers have led to recurrent lapses in institutional memory, and an unfortunate "tragedy loop" has developed. This has been demonstrated by a reoccurring pattern of a tragic death, followed by a renewed interest in management and prevention, and a period of improved performance that subsequently dwindles as institutional memory fades until another Soldier death occurs. Following the preventable death of a young officer in 2016, clinicians at Martin Army Community Hospital (BMACH) have once again become heavily engaged in efforts to provide the best possible guidance and clinical care regarding HRI. This effort has been highly successful over the last two years through the development of comprehensive heat management protocols (The Benning Protocols). Unfortunately, all similar historic efforts to achieve the same goal have been lost through time and turnover. The required solution calls for an independent and sustainable organization dedicated to preventing, researching, and caring for hot weather environmental injuries.
- c. The "Heat Center" initiative aims to end this tragedy loop by creating a sustainable clinical resource center for HRI within the DoD. By focusing on excellence in (1) Education/ Prevention, (2) Management, and (3) Research, we aim to end preventable death and disability from HRI, and become a reliable resource for best practices throughout the DoD.
- (1) Education/Prevention Our 2018 Heat Forum included speakers from as far as the United Kingdom and guests from throughout TRADOC and elsewhere. Planning for our 2019 Heat Forum is already in progress. Our Heat Forums provide an invaluable opportunity to bring medical and non-medical leaders together to review current guidelines and develop collaborative best-practices. Clinicians from Martin Army Community Hospital also provide regular outreach to units for refresher training. Future state should include a tangible location through which anyone coming to Ft. Benning can in-process. It should serve as a resource for any leader to obtain advice and education on HRI mitigation appropriate to their needs. The

most up-to-date versions of The Benning Protocols would be freely available on the Heat Center website, along with summaries of current research projects, clinical questions for future research, and links to partner organizations.

- (2) Management Ft. Benning has developed aggressive clinical protocols from point of injury through disposition (The Benning Protocols). Our ambulances are uniquely equipped with point of care sodium testing, and our Emergency Department (ED) is the only one within the DoD using endovascular cooling for severe exertional heat stroke. To date in 2018, the ED has already seen over 233 cases of HRI including 50 exertional heat strokes. Remarkably, we have had no soldier deaths here in over two years, despite several soldiers presenting with core temperatures greater than 109°F. Future state might include administrative support to maintain our Heat Tracker and coordinate with Preventive Medicine and USPHC reporting requirements. Additional concepts include a "Heat Hotline" through which any of our partners downrange or elsewhere could reach a clinical subject matter expert 24/7 for questions or guidance if faced with an emergent case of HRI.
- (3) Research Our sheer volume of cases means that we have an opportunity to do exceptionally meaningful clinical readiness research. The American Legion of Georgia already granted us our first funding in support of this initiative and is eager to grant more next year. We have begun the process of establishing an Office for Clinical Research Support (OCRS). Passionate researchers from organizations such as USUHS, USARIEM, USAMMDA, the UK Institute for Naval Medicine, and others have already expressed interest in partnering with Ft. Benning because we have the numbers to power studies that will advance the state of medicine, improve operational readiness, and save the lives of Soldiers. The OCRS will allow us to better facilitate such partnerships, streamline the administrative requirements, and turn Ft. Benning into a mecca for heat and other clinical readiness research. Several large-scale heat stroke studies are already in progress, which will significantly improve military readiness regarding HRI. In addition, mastering mitigation and management strategies for HRI has positive implications for establishing and maintaining military superiority in inhospitably hot environments. In support of this crucial readiness component, the future state of the "Heat Center" should include physical clinic space to evaluate and manage Soldiers and trainees suffering HRIs. Researchers from multiple organizations have expressed interest in this idea, in particular because it would be conducive to developing a heat tolerance testing (HTT) protocol that is relevant to the Military population.
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Prevent Heat Illness; Increase Readiness

Heat illnesses were responsible for more than 20,500 lost/limited duty days in 2017

Heat illness occurs when the body cannot compensate for increased heat stress. Heat illnesses occur year round in training environments and increase significantly in warmer weather. Since January 2018, more than 480 cases of heat illness have been reported, with 272 reported in June 2018.

Exercise Associated Hyponatremia, most commonly associated with excess water consumption (over-hydration), can occur in the same conditions as heat illness. This can be a fatal condition if not recognized and properly treated.

Soldiers, leaders, and medical providers all play important roles in reducing the incidence, severity, and impact of heat illness.

SOLDIERS:

Allowing heat illness to progress can take you out of the fight and can even affect your mobility status.

- Ensure adequate sleep, hydration, and nutrition prior to training.
 Hydration can be estimated using the Urine Color Test Card.
- Start hydrated and stay hydrated with regular intake of food and fluids.
 Avoid excessive hydration; it will not prevent heat illness but may lead to over-hydration.
- Recognize early signs and symptoms of heat illness in yourself and fellow Soldiers, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, weakness, unsteady walk, and muscle cramps.
- Rehydrate slowly and steadily after training; rapid rehydration may lead to over-hydration.

LEADERS:

Preventing heat illness and providing proper treatment are critical steps to ensuring you have a healthy and ready force.

 Use risk management guidelines when planning for training in the heat, including consideration of physical fitness and acclimatization of Soldiers.

- Ensure personnel are trained on prevention, recognition, and basic treatment of heat illness. Rapid cooling is the most effective intervention in suspected heat illness. Do not delay cooling measures at the point of injury. Plan for rapid cooling interventions (such as ice sheets) at training locations.
- Monitor the wet bulb globe thermometer (WBGT) hourly when ambient temperature is ≥ 75° Fahrenheit and adjust activity as needed.
- Know the current profile status of Soldiers with previous heat illness.
- Encourage consistent food and fluid intake. Do not exceed 1 quart/hour under most conditions (maximum of 1.5 quarts/hour or 12 quarts/day under very strenuous conditions). Limit refills of refillable bladder systems to 3 liters every 3 hours. Soldiers should check with cadre or medic if more frequent refills are needed.
- Soldiers with previous heat illness should be monitored closely for overhydration; they may over-hydrate in an attempt to avoid a repeat heat illness.

PROVIDERS:

Differentiation between heat illness and over-hydration and appropriate treatment is critical to prevent further harm to affected Soldiers.

- · Initial management of suspected heat illness is rapid cooling.
- · Verify sodium level prior to and during rehydration efforts.
- Hypertonic saline is an indicated treatment in Exercise Associated Hyponatremia.
- Proper profiling per AR 40-501 will minimize recurrent heat illness in susceptible Soldiers.
- Reinforce with Soldiers that excessive hydration will not prevent recurrent heat illness.
- · Notify Preventive Medicine to report cases of heat illness.

Detailed guidance outlines can be found in

ALARACT 050/2018 - HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION FOR 2018 HEAT SEASON

More information as well as heat illness prevention products are available at the Army Public Health Center's website: https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/hipss/Pages/Heat-Related-Illness-Prevention.aspx

Updated 12 July 2018

DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset

Heat Illness Surveillance Report

Report date: 24 August 2018

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This report details case counts of heat illness (HI) among Army Soldiers from 2014-2018. Results provided were based on data maintained in the DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset. This report is in response to a query from InsideClimate News, an independent, not-for-profit news organization that covers clean energy, carbon energy, nuclear energy, and environmental science.

DATA AND MERICORS

Analysis was completed using the DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset. The dataset combines five data sources to provide a more complete picture of HI in Army Soldiers. Data sources include outpatient medical visits, hospital admissions, medical visits outside of the military health system, theater medical records, and medical event reports. Cases were identified using the March 2018 Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch (AFHSB) and Armed Forces Reportable Medical Event Guidelines case definitions (1, 2).

The dataset identifies HI cases from a wide variety of sources, but it is possible that some cases were not captured in any of the included data sources. Heat illnesses can vary greatly in terms of severity, therefore an analysis of case counts alone may not be a direct reflection of the impact to Army Soldiers or military readiness and should be considered when interpreting the data in this report.

Findings

There have been 8,303 HI cases between 01 Jan 2014 and 31 July 2018, with 3,570 cases occurring during the months January June (Table 1). Based on 2014-2017 data, July is the peak month for HI with an average of 444 HI cases in Army Soldiers (Figure 1).

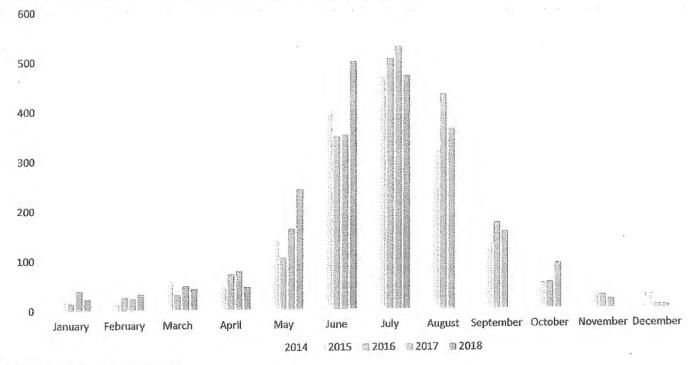
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